



**2009 Cantonese**

**Intermediate 2 – Reading**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**1.** You are planning to go to China next year. You receive an e-mail from your host partner, Dashan.

**(a)** Dashan mentions his parents' occupations.

**(i)** What job does his father do? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- Teacher
- Manager
- Doctor

**1 point**

**(ii)** What job does his mother do? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- Lawyer
- Writer
- Artist

**1 point**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

(b) What has Dashan's father planned for your visit?  
Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

**2 points**

- Take you to his office
- Pick you up from the airport
- Take you on a tour of the city
- Take you for lunch

(c) Where will Dashan's mother drive you at the weekend?

**1 point**

- Lake area / side / lake

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

2. Before you leave, Dashan e-mails you some information about the school year in China.

(a) When does the first term begin and end? Complete the sentence.

**1 point**

- Begins on 1st of September and finishes at the end of January / the first month of following year

(b) Give details of:

(i) winter holidays;

**1 point**

- Four weeks

(ii) summer holidays.

**2 points**

- Longer than the winter holidays

- Nearly / about / approx. two months

(c) What statement does Dashan make at the end of this e-mail?

**1 point**

- I'm working hard / putting in effort for the exam (in June)

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

3. You receive this e-mail from Dashan, reminding you about the visa application for China.

(a) Complete the information given for each of the documents below.

**3 points**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Information</b>
• Passport	• (at least) 6 months
• Application Form	• by the website / internet / download etc
• Photos	• two inches

(b) What advice is given about how to submit the visa application? Complete the sentences.

**2 points**

- You cannot post / mail your application form
  
- Applications can be submitted by the applicant, 'someone else' / 'other people' / 'another person' or 'travel agent' / 'agency'

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

Another traveller

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

4. When you get to China, you read the following article in a magazine.

(a) According to the text, what has McDonald's done in Beijing?

**1 point**

- Opened a branch in Beijing / recruiting new staff / job opportunities / opened (a) shop(s) / store(s) / restaurant(s)

(b) What kind of employment do they offer?

**1 point**

- (waiter / serving staff) full time and part time

**Ms Cheung**

(c) When did Ms Cheung start working in the factory?

**1 point**

- After leaving / graduating (from school)

(d) What did she not like about her job in the factory? Mention **two** things.

**2 points**

- Too simple / boring / monotonous / dull
- The wages / salary was not generous / high / less salary / Pay was not good (enough)

Questions/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>(e) Why does she want to work in McDonald's? <b>1 point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenge herself / it's a challenge / give herself a challenge</li> </ul>		
<p>(f) Why is her work physically tiring? Mention <b>two</b> things. <b>2 points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work is intense / hectic</li> <li>• Work at a fast pace (during busy period / rush hour)</li> <li>• No break time (during the busy period / rush hour) / no time for breaks</li> <li>• She works 6 days a week <u>from 6:30pm-10:30pm</u></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(2 from 4)</b></p>		
<p>(g) How does she feel now? Mention <b>one</b> thing. <b>1 point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She's (more) confident / she's happy</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Ms Wong</b></p>		
<p><b>(h)</b> What does Ms Wong do apart from working in McDonald's?</p> <p><b>1 point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <u>university</u> student studying <u>English</u></li> </ul>		
<p><b>(i)</b> What reasons does she give for working in McDonald's?</p> <p><b>2 points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the society / community</li> <li>• Gain (work) experience / good work experience</li> </ul>		
<p><b>(j)</b> She gained skills in this job that she could not learn at school. Give <b>two</b> examples.</p> <p><b>2 points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate (with customers)</li> <li>• Cooperate <u>with colleagues</u> / team work / work in / as a team</li> </ul>		<p>Understand colleagues</p>



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**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

(k) What comment does she make at the end?

**1 point**

- (Although she won't work too long in McDonald's) it's a valuable / good experience

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